

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 13-15.

Please amend claims 1 and 7 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A nickel metal-hydride battery comprising:
a case; and
a positive electrode, a negative electrode, a separator and an electrolyte that are provided in the case;
wherein a portion of the separator present between the positive electrode and the negative electrode is composed of a single layer, and
an amount of the electrolyte retained in the separator is at least 15 mg/cm² in a period, after assembling the battery, from a time the separator is impregnated with the electrolyte to a time the battery is activated.

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7. (Amended) A nickel metal-hydride battery comprising:
a case; and
a positive electrode, a negative electrode, a separator and an electrolyte that are provided in the case;
wherein a portion of the separator present between the positive electrode and the negative electrode is composed of a single layer, and
a total area X (cm²) of the separator and an amount Y (mg) of the electrolyte satisfy a relationship of $Y/X \geq 20$ in a period, after assembling the battery, from a time the separator is impregnated with the electrolyte to a time the battery is activated.